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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 February 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the optical switch connected to optical transmission media as recited in claim 11 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered

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and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gessel et al. (5,732,213).

Regarding claims 1-3 and 6-10:

Gessel et al. disclose the circuit for testing a communication system that is subdivided into functional layers comprises a port that allows communication by a test apparatus directly with any layer that is higher than a first layer of the functional layers without the communication previously having to pass through the first layer; wherein the functional layers correspond to an OSI reference model (the abstract recite the test system and method for testing Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) layers 3 through 7 of a communications protocol utilized between nodes in a telecommunications network; whereby a first Internet socket interface is used to replace OSI layers 1 and 2 of the simulated communications protocol; so that the operations validate the use of the communications protocol with the target telecommunication node software without having to utilize the target node hardware, i.e. the first layer, as claimed).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the

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art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gessel et al. (5,732,213) in view of Warren (6,381,721).

Regarding claims 4-5:

For claims 4-5, Gessel et al. disclose the circuit arrangement described in paragraph 4 of this office action. For claims 4-5, Gessel et al. disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception of wherein processing of the communication is realized on a single chip, with the port being provided on the chip; and wherein the processing of the communication is realized on a first chip and the port on a second chip, the first and second chips being linked with each other for data transfer as recited in claims 4-5.

Warren from the same or similar fields of endeavor teach that it is known to provide the processing of the communication is realized on a single chip, with the port being provided on the chip (see col. 1 lines 55-67) and wherein the processing of the communication is realized on a first chip and the port on a second chip, the first and second chips being linked with each other for data transfer (see col. 3 line 43 to col. 4 line 16).

Thus, it would have been obvious to the person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the processing of the communication being realized on a single chip, with the port being provided on the chip and the processing of the communication being realized on a first chip and the port on a second chip, the first and second chips being linked with each other for data transfer as taught by Warren in the circuit arrangement of Gessel et al.

The motivation for providing the processing of the communication being realized on a single chip, with the port being provided on the chip and the processing of the communication being realized on a first chip and the port on a second chip, the first and second chips being linked with each other for data transfer as taught by Warren in the circuit arrangement of Gessel et al. being that it provides the desirable added feature of integrated circuit technology whereby two chips are used one for the port and the other for communication for better reliability to the circuit arrangement of Gessel et al.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 11 is allowed.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sylvester et al. disclose methods and apparatus for automated testing and analysis of dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM), wavelength selective and/or optical switching devices.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHICK C. HOM whose telephone number is (571)272-3173. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pham Chi can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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